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CONSTITUTING THE COMMUNICATION

LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 10, 2003 (Monday)

Sir:

Attached hereto are six (6) sheets of formal drawings which comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The drawings should be made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 6

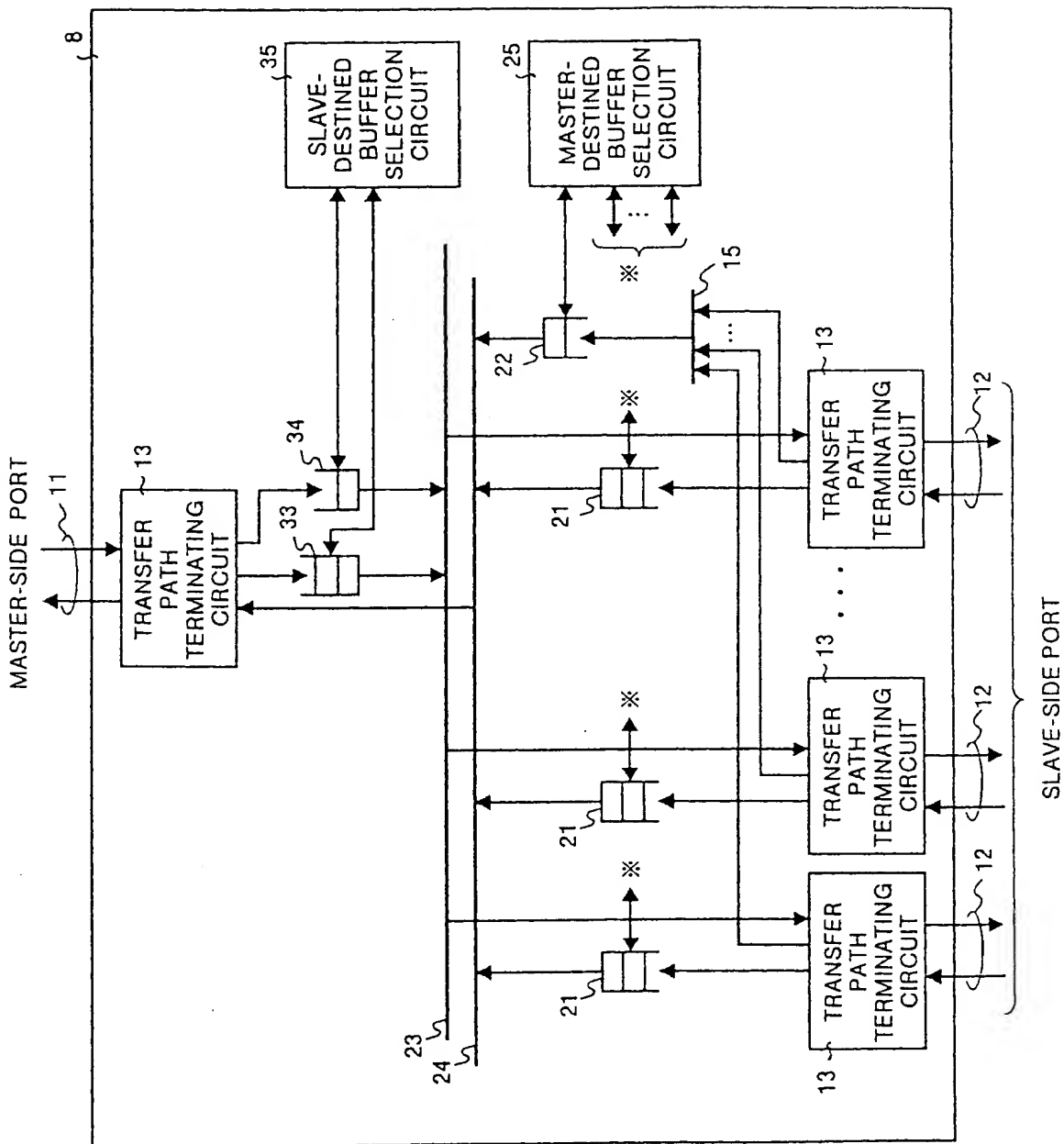


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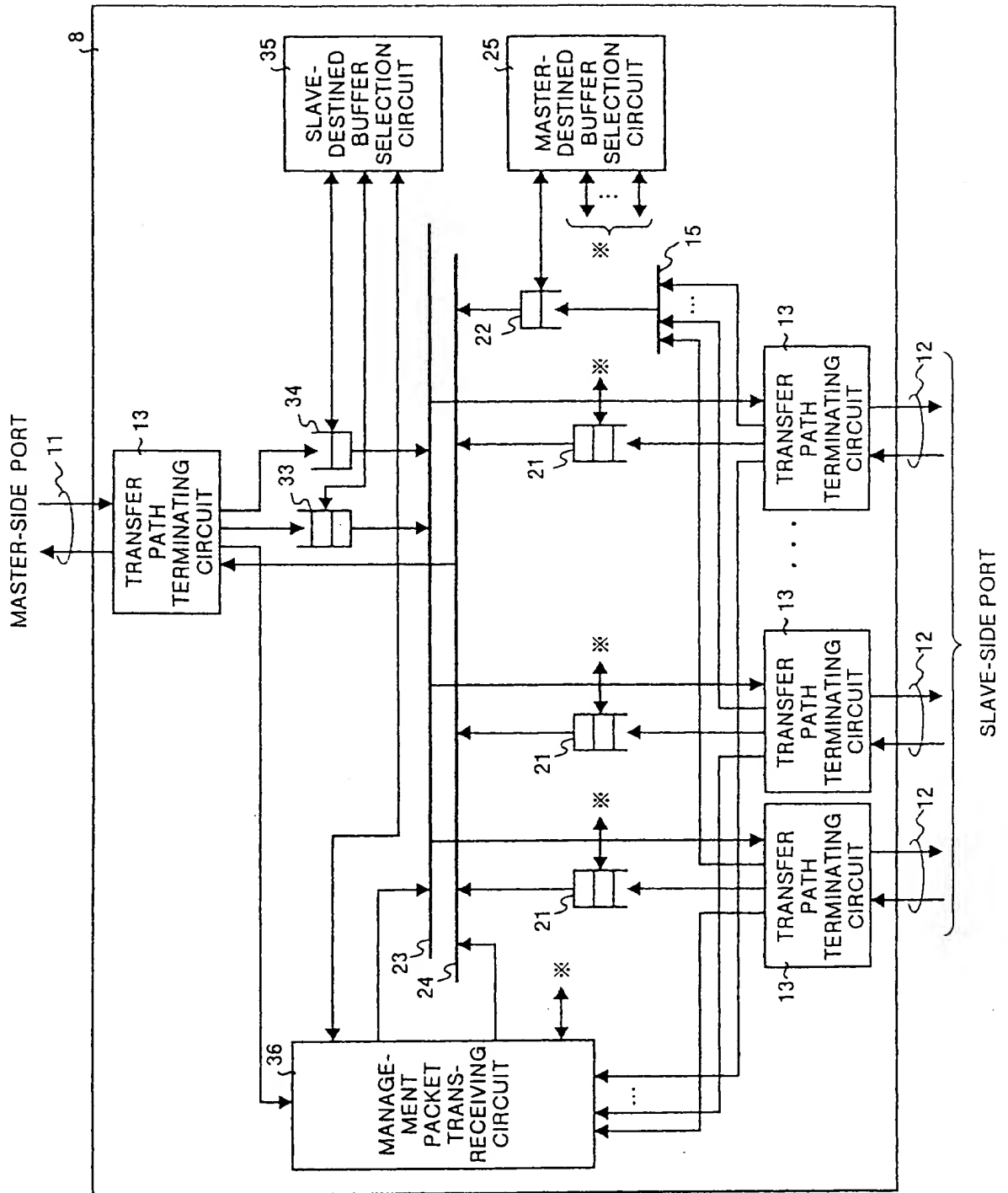
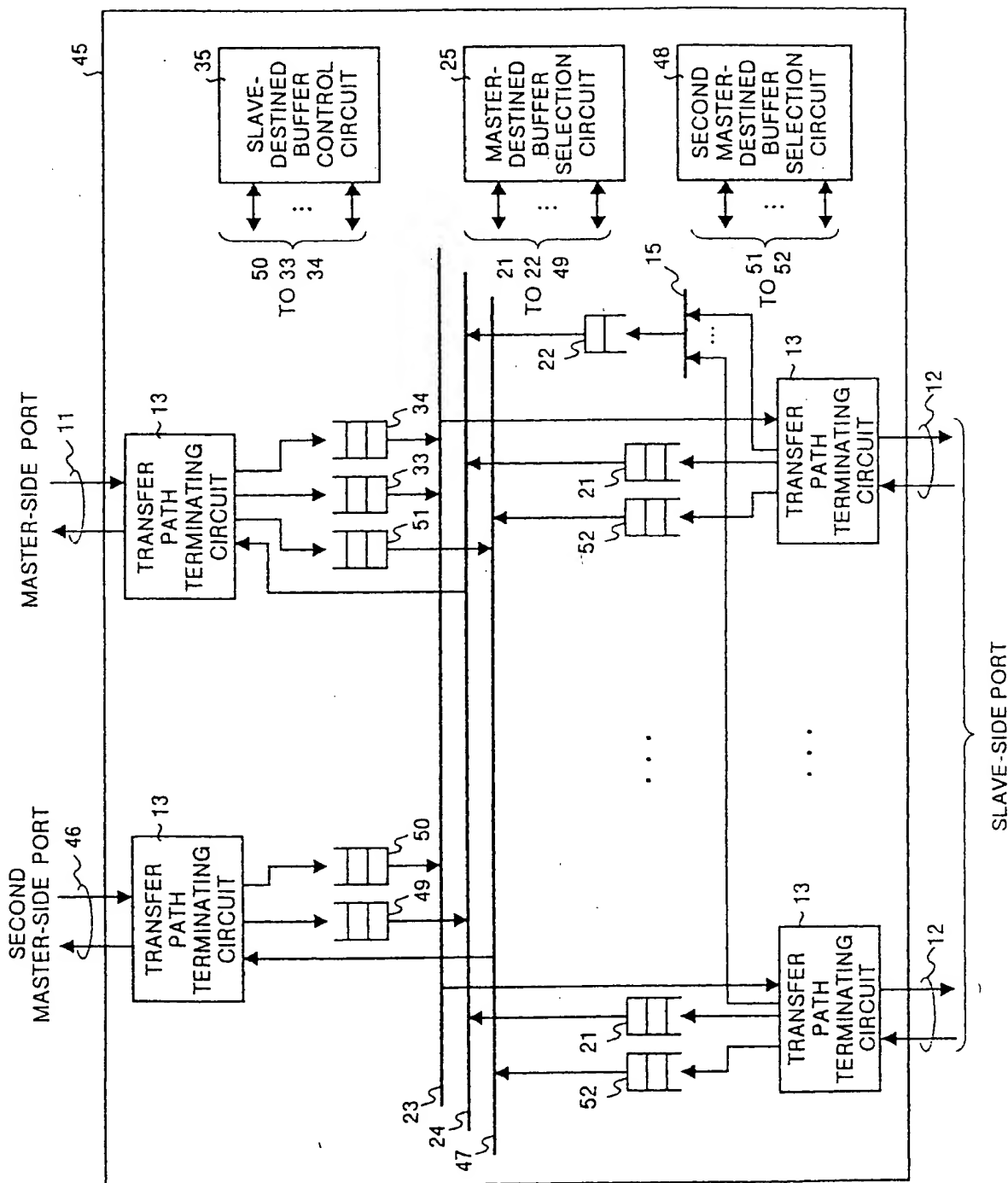


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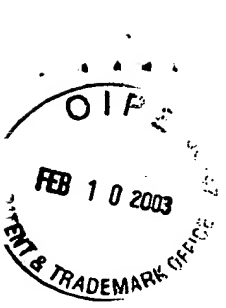


FIG.16
PRIOR ART

MASTER DEVICE



SLAVE DEVICE

FIG. 17
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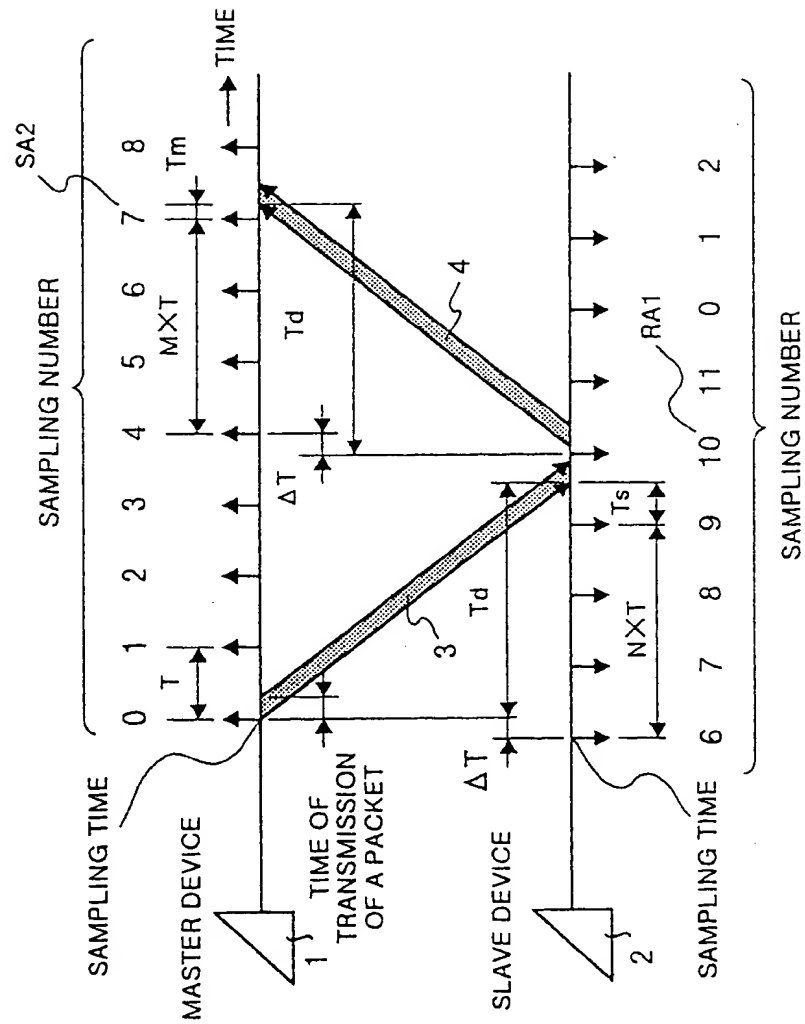


FIG.18
PRIOR ART

